

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

December 4th, 2016

“...I spread MY skirt over
thee, and covered thy
nakedness...”

EZEKIEL 16:8

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

Happy Birthday!

Catherine Young - December 1st

This evening's featured podcast speaker will be from our PASTOR

2 SAMUEL 23:1-5 — ALL MY SALVATION

To find our podcast search for the keyword **PurposedGrace** on



Apple's **Podcast App** or



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***Our featured sermon is made available every Sunday at 6:00 PM**

We extend our sympathy to **Jim West** and his family on the death of his wife **Debbie**. May the Lord grant His comfort and peace to Jim and the rest of the family. (*JOHN 17:24*)

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

“...YE WERE NOT REDEEMED WITH CORRUPTIBLE THINGS, AS SILVER AND GOLD, FROM YOUR VAIN CONVERSATION RECEIVED BY TRADITION FROM YOUR FATHERS; BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, AS OF A LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH AND WITHOUT SPOT” (1 PETER 1:18-19)

What value do we put on the blood of CHRIST? Does it have little or much value to us? Value is defined as the relative worth of something, so if I need something, I instinctively put a value on it — the more I have need of it, the more I am inclined to value it. A bar of gold bullion is not highly valued by a drowning man. The drowning man wouldn't give the gold a second thought because they would simply increase his peril; he will seek that which he needs, deliverance — give him a life line not added burden. Religion will waste a dying man's fleeting time with something he doesn't have any need of.

We who are “*dead in trespasses and sin*” cannot use morality, practicality or works to rescue us from everlasting destruction. Our state, as natural men, is not that we may die, but instead we are already dead, we were born spiritually dead. We are born into this world spiritually lifeless, without CHRIST “*having no hope, and without God in this world.*” (EPHESIANS 2:12) We need Salvation and we need it urgently; we are totally and completely helpless, totally and completely dependent on Another to save us from this condition and to give us life. We cannot obey God’s law but God demands perfect obedience.

Our best works are nothing but “*filthy rags*” yet God demands perfect righteousness. (ISAIAH 64:6) Religious devices will not help us, our help cometh from the Lord - we must have the blood of CHRIST. Fellow sinner, we are dead, defiled, depraved, destroyed, desperate sinners and urgently need to be delivered sinners. Our only hope is in the blood. In the blood is deliverance. “*I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord that I am delivered from the body of this death, that I am delivered from the bondage of sin and that the blood of Jesus Christ His Son has cleansed me from all sin.*” (ROMANS 7:25, 1 JOHN 1:7)

So what value do we place on the blood of CHRIST? You and I must be willing to give anything and everything to have this One who shed His precious blood. His blood is worth more than all the temporal things this world has to offer. Take it all — give me CHRIST.

PASTOR **GENE HARMON**

“A person’s rejection of the gospel, the rejection of CHRIST, is a decided, deliberate act of his own will. The unbelieving heart is so obstinately proud that it chooses destruction before it will bow to the rule of CHRIST. GOD declares that in hell the damned who suffer HIS wrath eat the fruit of their own free will.” (PROVERBS 1:31)

PASTOR **DON FORTNER**

FEAR NOT

“...FEAR NOT: I AM WITH THEE. I HAVE REDEEMED THEE, I HAVE CALLED THEE BY THE NAME; THOU ART MINE.” (ISAIAH 43:1)

How often does GOD say to his people, “*fear not!*” GOD might well chide and rebuke them; for fear is the dark shadow of unbelief. If the LORD is our light and salvation, whom should we fear? If the LORD is the strength of our life, of whom should we be afraid? if GOD has promised, will he not perform? If the shepherd is with us, why need we fear any evil, even in the valley of the shadow of death? Fear is also the sickening fainting of the heart which is not completely filled with the love of GOD, and perfectly satisfied with the gift of eternal life. Fear is the immediate result of the heart turning away from CHRIST to the difficulties and

dangers which surround us. If we truly believed and loved, or if, free from the dollar tree, we rested in that great word, *"I am the Lord thy God,"* we should be without fear. Yet GOD in his mercy says, fear not; for GOD is very pitiful. *"He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust."* (PSALM 103:14) even Abraham, who is held up as a pattern of strong faith, needed the encouragement of this word, when the fulfillment of the promise was delayed, and the desolate heart became faint and chilly. GOD said to him, *"Fear not: I am thy shield and thy exceeding great reward."* (GENESIS 15:1) and Abraham's children are often full of fear and lonely faintness. GOD sees them in their weakness, worm Jacob, and therefore He says to them so often, and with such loving and consoling emphasis, *"Fear not: I am with thee. I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by the name; thou art Mine."* (ISAIAH 43:1). PASTOR **ADOLPH SAPHIR**

"...a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that CHRIST JESUS came into the world to save sinners..." (1 TIMOTHY 1:15)

CALLED, CHOSEN, AND FAITHFUL

"...THEY THAT ARE WITH HIM ARE CALLED, AND CHOSEN, AND FAITHFUL." (REVELATION 17:14)

Beloved, you are called. God our Father has declared *"I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved"* (ROMANS 9:25)

Beloved, you are chosen. God the Son, our blessed redeemer, has asked the Father in the covenant of grace — give me not the righteous to save, but sinners. He declares *"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."* (LUKE 5:32, PSALM 2:8)

Beloved, you are made faithful. God the Spirit, the comforter our Lord promised, has come to make it known to His people, that we are no longer servants to sin, but servants of the Lord. Beloved, our faithfulness, our righteousness is of Him who is always faithful, never fails, and has never sinned! Our Lord declares *"...their righteousness is of me."* (ISAIAH 54:17, 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21)

May the Holy Spirit be pleased to quicken you, and make it known to you, that from the beginning He has chosen you to salvation and grant that you believe the truth as it is in our Lord Jesus. (2 THESSALONIANS 2:13, EPHESIANS 4:21) Beloved, He has called you, chosen you, and made you faithful through the merits of His beloved Son. (REVELATION 17:14)

Dear Lord, grant the sinner reading this article to know that they have been clothed in the white raiment of your Son's righteousness. Lord, we know you will not blot out the names of your people from the book of life, but will confess each beloved sinner before your Father, and before his angels. Amen. (1 TIMOTHY 1:15, REVELATION 3:5)

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